

**OPINION 2250 (Case 3401)*****Delognatha* Lacordaire, 1859 (Insecta, Coleoptera): name conserved**

**Abstract.** The Commission conserved the name *Delognatha* Lacordaire, 1859 for a tenebrionid beetle genus from the Neotropical Region by suppression of the name *Delognatha* Agassiz, 1846.

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; taxonomy; Coleoptera; TENEBRIONIDAE; PHRENAPATINAE; PIMELIINAE; *Delognatha*; *Dailognatha*; *Delognatha lacordairei*; darkling beetles.

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that the generic name *Delognatha* Agassiz, 1846 is suppressed for the purposes of both the Principle of Priority and the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The name *Delognatha* Lacordaire, 1859 (gender: feminine), type species *Delognatha lacordairei* Lacordaire, 1859 by subsequent designation by Gebien (1940), is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *lacordairei* Lacordaire, 1859, as published in the binomen *Delognatha lacordairei* (specific name of the type species of *Delognatha* Lacordaire, 1859) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (4) The name *Delognatha* Agassiz, 1846, as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology.

**History of Case 3401**

An application to conserve the name *Delognatha* Lacordaire, 1859 for a tenebrionid genus from the Neotropical Region by suppression of the name *Delognatha* Agassiz, 1846, which has not been used as valid other than by two authors after it was established more than 150 years ago, was received from Patrice Bouchard (*Canadian National Collection of Insects, Arachnids and Nematodes, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada*) and Ivan Löbl (*Muséum d'Histoire Naturelle, Geneva, Switzerland*) on 30 October 2006. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 65: 194–197 (September 2008). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments were received on this case.

**Decision of the Commission**

On 1 September 2009 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 65: 195. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 2009 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 24: Alonso-Zarazaga, Ballerio, Bogutskaya, Bouchet, Brothers, Fautin, Grygier, Halliday, Harvey, Kojima, Kottelat, Krell, Lamas, Minelli, Ng, Pape, Papp, Patterson, Rosenberg, Štys, Winston, Yanega, Zhang and Zhou.

Negative votes – 3: Kullander, Lim and van Tol.

Pyle was on leave of absence.

Rosenberg, voting FOR the proposals, said that Agassiz 1846 (p. 118) did not list *Delognatha* Dejean as an emendation of *Dailognatha* Stevens; he merely cross-referenced it, saying ‘*Delognatha* Dej. Col. 1833 (V[ide] *Dailognatha*)’. Even if Agassiz had intended an emendation (as might be inferred from his parenthetical use of the name on p. 116: ‘*Dailognatha* (Stev.) Eschs. Col. 1831 (*Delognatha*)’), he did not use *Delognatha* as valid. Therefore, *Delognatha* Agassiz, 1846 is not an available name, and no action is necessary. Nonetheless, he voted for the case on the assumption that the Opinion can provide this clarification under Article 80.2.1, which does not involve use of the plenary power.

### Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on Official Lists by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

- Delognatha* Agassiz, 1846, *Nomenclatoris zoologici index universalis, continens nomina systematica classium, ordinum, familiarum et generum animalium omnium, tam viventium quam fossilium, secundum ordinem alphabeticum unicum disposita, adjectis homonymiis plantarum, nec non variis adnotationibus et emendationibus*. viii, 393 pp. Jent & Gassmann, Soloduri [= Solothurn, Switzerland], p. 118.
- Delognatha* Lacordaire, 1859, *Histoire naturelle des insectes. Généra des coléoptères ou exposé méthodique et critique de tous les genres proposés jusqu’ici dans cet ordre d’insectes. Tome cinquième. Première partie contenant les familles des Ténébrionides, Cistélides, Nilionides, Pythides, Mélandryides, Lagriides, Pédilides, Anthicides, Pyrochroïdes, Mordellides, Rhipiphorides, Stylopides, Meloïdes et Oedémérides*. 750 pp. Librairie Encyclopédique de Roret, Paris, p. 315.
- lacordairei, Delognatha*, Lacordaire, 1859, *ibid.* 750 pp. Librairie Encyclopédique de Roret, Paris, p. 316.